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FOR: HEAT PROCESSING APPARATUS :  
AND HEAT PROCESSING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.